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NSC BRIEFING

24 September 1954

INDOCHINA TRUCE VIOLATIONS

- I. Viet Minh in Laos clearly violated Article 2 specifying 6 Aug cease-fire.
 - A. Laos Legation told press 16 Sept protest filed Intl Comm over "violent" attacks on Laotian forces 8, 9, 10 Sept.
 - B. Army attaché reports incidents, probably same, as two in Phong Saly province, one in Sam Neua province.
 - C. These provinces Pathet Lao concentration areas, where Viet Minh considers Lao troops "bandits" and wants no Lao govt influence.
 - D. But Lao Geneva declaration asserted royal govt's continued administration there.

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II. In Vietnam, series less publicized incidents reported by army attaché.

- A. 2 Aug, 300 guerrillas attacked post near Haiphong.
- B. 13 Aug, Vietnamese troops ambushed South Vietnam.
- C. 14 Aug, another ambush in south.
- D. 15 Aug, destruction railway guardpost near Nhatrang.
- E. 15-21 Aug, several attacks Central, South Vietnam.

III. Viet Minh also violated Article 17 Vietnam agreement banning reinforcing war materiel.

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truce level of 3,000 tons
Chinese aid monthly has been
maintained.

- B. This sufficient equip new units and resupply old.

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- C. Viet Minh message ordering suspension supply shipments at one point while Intl Comm there indicative intent circumvent controls.
- IV. Viet Minh violating Article 21 Vietnam agreement specifying POW repatriation.
 - A. Has released 9,635 troops of 55,000 French say unaccounted for.
- V. For Cambodia, Article 5 specifies demob local dissidents by 23 Aug.
 - A. Viet Minh still not complying.
 - B. In fact, French say enemy issuing new arms these dissidents.
- VI. Communists, for their part, made counter-charge 21 Sept.

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A. Peiping radio said protest
made Joint Commission over

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██████████ massacre Central
Vietnam resulting 74
civilians killed, 56
wounded.

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B. ██████████ facts
are: Vietnamese troops
forced to fire on Viet
Minh-sponsored demonstrators,
resulting 110 killed, wounded.

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